

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Bryon Black, County Attorney; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Lee Redmond, Executive Assistant, County Council; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

**Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

Good Evening and welcome to the virtual meeting of the Frederick County Council. Today is Tuesday, August 11, 2020, and it is a workshop day for the County Council.

The Frederick County Council is continuing to conduct our meetings on-line during this time.

Our meetings are televised on Frederick County Government Channel 19, on Frederick County Government's website: [www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV), and while we are meeting virtually, we will continue to use our software program which allows the public to watch and participate in our meetings. Please go to [www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings) in order to watch us on that format. You may listen to our meetings on your cell phone by dialing 855-925-2801, entering code 8365 and then pressing 1.

You may still send us comments via email at ([Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov)), or using our virtual format, you may call toll free 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 8365 to listen to our meetings as I just explained, and to give public comment. I will be giving instructions for how to give public comment before each portion of our meeting when public comment will be received. As always, all comments received will be reflected in the minutes. Please remember that today is a workshop day and therefore all comments must be related to one of the items on our workshop agenda. If you have comments unrelated to our agenda today, you may email them to the Council or wait until next week when it will be a legislative day in which case you may give public comment on any issue.

As a reminder during these virtual meetings, I will periodically stop to allow the members to ask any questions in a round robin type fashion, calling the council members by name to make sure the public is aware of which member has the floor.

As a continued caution to our Council Members – Please be respectful of each other's time and wait to be recognized before you begin to speak. Remember the microphone

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issue and please limit your questions to one at a time. I will come back around as often as necessary until all questions are heard.

To begin our meeting, I will start with a roll call vote to determine a quorum. Just respond with “here”. Again, going in alphabetical order: CM Blue, Dacey, Donald, Fitzwater, Hagen, and McKay. A quorum having been established, we will begin our meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Frederick County Representation to the Maryland Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board**

Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, County Executive’s Office, provided information to the Council on the Frederick County Representation to the Maryland Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board.

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm Chief Francis Malta and Captain Mike Webb to the Frederick County Representation to the Maryland Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Data Center for Frederick Community College Budget Adjustment**

Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office provided information to the Council on the Data Center for Frederick Community College Budget Adjustment.

*Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the Budget Adjustment for the Data Center for Frederick Community College. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

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District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Solid Waste Plan Amendment – Office Building Recycling**

Mark Schweitzer, Director, Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management (DUSWM); Phil Harris, Department Head, and Stephanie Peters, Assistant Department Head, Department of Solid Waste Management, DUSWM, provided information to the Council on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment-Office Building Recycling.

**Presentation on 2021 Frederick County Legislative Package**

Joy Schaefer Director, Government Affairs & Public Policy, provided information to the Council on the Presentation on 2021 Frederick County Legislative Package.

Council took a break from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing:**

**Proposed Bill No. 20-12 – Amend and Update Chapter 1-22 – Article I – Development Impact Fee Procedures and Requirements and Article II – Public School Development Impact Fee of the Frederick County Code**

Council member Jerry Donald provided information on Proposed Bill No. 20-12 – Amend and Update Chapter 1-22 – Article I – Development Impact Fee Procedure and Requirements and Article II – Public School Development Impact Fee of the Frederick County Code.

Public comment was heard from:

- Eric Soter

**Proposed Bill No. 20-13 – Revise and Clarify the Requirements For the Impact Fee Exemption For Farm Lots**

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Anne Bradley, Land Preservation Program Administrator presented information to the Council on the proposed bill to Revise and Clarify the Requirements for the Impact Fee Exemption for Farm Lots

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
County Council